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Senator Toni Atkins  
Room 4072  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: **SB 2 (Atkins) – Notice of Support** – Building Homes and Jobs Act Funding - In Senate Appropriations Committee – Monday, April 3rd

Dear Senator Atkins:

APA California supports SB 2, your measure that enacts a permanent source of housing funding through the new Building Homes and Jobs Act. SB 2 makes affordable housing a state funding priority, providing a variety of housing subsidies in areas where the market cannot provide sufficient affordability. Unfortunately, those areas are increasing throughout the state. The bill sets up a comprehensive program to increase housing production by allowing funds to pay for:

- Affordable-owner occupied workforce housing.
- Affordable homeownership and rental housing opportunities for agricultural workers.
- Development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of rental housing that is affordable to moderate-income households.
- Affordable rental and ownership housing for workers earning up to 120% of area median income.
- Matching portions of funds placed into local or regional housing trust funds.
- Matching portions of funds available through the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.
- Capitalized reserves for services connected to the creation of new permanent supportive housing such as the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program.

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- Emergency shelters, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing.
- Accessibility modifications.
- Efforts to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed or vacant homes.
- Homeownership opportunities, such as down payment assistance.
- Grants to local and regional agencies to help develop and update their planning documents and zoning ordinances in order to accelerate housing production.
- Fiscal incentives or matching funds to local agencies that approve new housing for extremely low, very low, low, and moderate-income households.

These housing strategies, along with funding or funding mechanisms for local infrastructure and community benefits to support housing, including water, sewer, parks, schools, and libraries, are urgently needed.

For information, please contact Sande George, Stefan/George Associates, APA California's lobbyist, at 443-5301, [sgeorge@stefangeorge.com](mailto:sgeorge@stefangeorge.com).

Sincerely,

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